

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Mansey fails to disclose “an access station adapted to establish an account and to transmit connection information back to said electronic terminal, wherein **the account is established based upon an investigation of a local exchange carrier database**”, as required by independent claim 1.

Mansey fails to disclose “an access station configured to link with said electronic terminal, to store data indicative of said identifier, and **to provide said electronic terminal with information associated with said electronic network service provider** for use by said electronic terminal in linking with said electronic network service provider **responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database**”, as required by independent claim 9.

Mansey fails to disclose “**establishing an account at said access station corresponding to said electronic terminal responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database**”, as required by independent claims 12 and 19.


Because not every element of claims 1, 9, 12, and 19 is present in Mansey, claims 1, 9, 12, 19, and their respective dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Elena B. Dreszer at (408) 947-8200 ext. 209.

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